IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 78 OF 2007

Hiraman Bhausaheb Khedekar & Anr.... Petitioners.
Versus
The State of Maharashtra & Ors..... Respondents.

Mr.S. P. Kadam for the Petitioners.
Mr. S.S.Salunkhe i/by Mr. S.S.Shah for
Respondent No.3.
Mr.Sachin Kumbhar i/by Mr. R.G.Ketkar
for Respondent No.4.

**CORAM : SWATANTER KUMAR, C.J. &**
**S.C.DHARMADHIKARI, J.**

**DATED : 6TH JUNE, 2007.**

**P.C.:**

Learned Counsel appearing for respondent no.3, upon instructions from Mr. Raje Bhosale, Law Officer of the said respondent, states that nearly 2500 M.T. of sugarcane remains to be crushed. The said respondent to crush the same within one week from today. He further states that the entire sugarcane falling in the area of operation of respondent no.3 shall also be crushed within four weeks from today, provided the agriculturists approach the Agriculture Officer of the Karkhana.

2. Learned Counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that the agriculturists shall approach within

one week from today to the Agriculture Officer of respondent no.3 and shall in fact give written information of the extent of sugarcane available with them and standing on the field.

3. In view of the joint statement made by the learned Counsel appearing for the parties, we do not consider it necessary to go into the merit of the issues raised in the petition. We, accordingly, dispose of this petition with a direction to respondent no.3 to crush the entire sugarcane falling in the area of operation of respondent no.3 upon the agriculturists approaching respondent no.3. We also direct the petitioners to give intimation in writing to the Agriculture Officer of respondent no.3, within one week from today, of the extent of sugarcane available with them and standing on the field so that respondent no.3 shall be in a position to take necessary steps to crush the said sugarcane.

4. Petition stands disposed of, accordingly. No costs.

Sd/-

**CHIEF JUSTICE**

Sd/-

**S.C.DHARMADHIKARI, J.**